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**Cyberborders:**

**Managing Interdependence**

**in the Information Age**

Professor Beth A. Simmons (University of Pennsylvania Law School)

Freie Universität Berlin, Lecture Hall B (EG)  
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## Cyberborders: Managing Interdependence in the Information Age

How do states border the internet, and how are these preferences related to globalization? In this lecture, Beth A. Simmons will talk about the use of “cyberborders”, the focus on “digital authoritarianism”, and why even liberal states might curb internet freedom.

**Beth A. Simmons** is the Andrea Mitchell University Professor in Law, Political Science and Business Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is a former Director of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University and Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs at the Department of Government. She is best known for her research on the international political economy during the interwar years, policy diffusion globally, and her work demonstrating the influence that international law has on human rights outcomes around the world. She co-edited the *Handbook of international relations* (SAGE, 2012).

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